

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1640**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Denis Martin et al.  
Application No. : 10/078,531  
Filed : February 21, 2002  
For : STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES POLYPEPTIDES AND  
CORRESPONDING DNA FRAGMENTS

Examiner : Patricia Ann Duffy, Ph.D.  
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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.116 AND 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2007, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on Monday, September 10, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.